petroleum products to the region.

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Inefficiency in India Airlines

*196. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of rank indiscipine and inefficiency in the working of the Indian Airlines right from maintenance to the in-house services and if so, whether any steps are proposed to be taken to improve the services;

(b) whether Government propose to appoint professionals on the Board of the Indian Airlines for improving its functioning; and

(c) whether it is a fact that system of purchase of items for passenger comfort, like napkins for food, is being criticised on the ground that political favours were shown in the selection of contractors and if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to rectify the system?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) It is not correct to say that there is rank indiscipline and inefficiency in the working of the Indian Airlies. Government have emphasized upon the management of all the public sector undertakings under this Ministry that there should be no compromise either in respect of enforcement of discipline or in respect of providing efficient and courteous service to the passengers.

(b) The need for selecting persons of high calibre and varied experience is always kept in view by the Government while making appointments to the Board of Directors.

(c) There is a detailed procedure laid down in Indian Airlines for purchase of all items. According to the prescribed procedure, tenders are invited from the manufacturers or their accredited agents. Generally, purchases are made directly only from the manufacturers. Selection is made by the Indian Airlines on merits.

Ban on use of Analgin

*197. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring Cell of SDM Hospital, Jaipur and the Christian Medical College, Vellore in a study have found that in many cases Analgin has adverse reactions including that leading to death in some cases;

(b) whether it is a fact that this drug is banned in several countries including USA, Japan, Nepal and Pakistan;

(c) whether the Voluntary Health Association of India has urged upon Government to ban the use of Analgin in India; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) As per information received from CMC, Vellore, they conduct a programme on Adverse Drug Monitoring, involving about 700 doctors all over the country. The information received is collected routinely and is included in the form of News-letter which is circulated to doctors every month. This is not a study, but only a sharing of available information through the net work of doctors on Adverse Drug Reaction. No study on Analgin has been conducted on which meaningful conclusion could be based.